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TAGS: EGEN, XH, NATO
SUBJECT: ECONADS; SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON RECENT SOV/EE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS FOR NATO MINISTERIAL

1. FOR EACH NAC MINISTERIAL THE NATO ECONOMIC
DIRECTORATE PREPARES A REPORT ON RECENT ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR AND EAST EUROPE. THIS
APPEARS AS A "REFERENCE DOCUMENT" ON THE NAC AGENDA
BUT IS NOT NORMALLY DISCUSSED AS SUCH. WE HAVE
ALREADY POUCHED TO RPE AND EMBASSY MOSCOW COPIES
OF THE DIRECTORATE'S DRAFT FOR THE MAY SUMMIT,
AC/127-WP/562, BUT ARE ALSO SENDING TEXT BY DACOM
TO ISA/GEORGE, WITH REQUEST HE COORDINATE DISSEMINATION
WITH RPE.

2. INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS UNDER PRESSURE TO COMPLETE
SUMMIT-RELATED DOCUMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AND
ECONADS CHAIRMAN BILLY WILL PROBABLY ASK FOR EXPEDITIOUS
NATIONAL REVIEW. DOCUMENT MAY BE ON AGENDA FOR APRIL 13
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MEETING BUT APRIL 20 MEETING WILL BE LAST CONVENIENT
DATE FOR COMMITTEE ACTION (REINFORCED MEETING MAY 27
AND NATO HOLIDAY MAY 4 PRECLUDE ACTION THEN AND APRIL 11
GETS TO CLOSE).

3. UNFORTUNATELY, AND EVEN IF THE FINAL DOCUMENT
IS NOT ACTUALLY READ BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,

THE DRAFT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER
OF THE MAY MEETING AND STRIKES US AS HAVING BEEN DRAFTED
IN A BUSINESS-AS-USUAL OVERLY DETAILED STYLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS
ON THE DIRECTORATE PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF OER OR INR HAVE A SHORTER, MORE SPRITELY
VERSION WHICH WE COULD OFFER AS AN OFF-THE-SHELF REPLACE-
MENT, PLEASE PROVIDE TEXT BY FASTEST AVAILABLE MEANS,
PERHAPS VIA DACOM. BENNETT

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